



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov
DPM 07-02

Paper No. 5

PATRICK J S INOUE P S
810 3RD AVENUE
SUITE 258
SEATTLE WA 98104

COPY MAILED

JUL 1 8 2002

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of :
Kouznetsov, Pak, Melchione, and :
Hogle : DECISION ACCORDING STATUS
Application No. 10/057,709 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Filed: 25 January, 2002 :
Atty Dkt No. 002.0233.01 :

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed on 15 April, 2002.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioners have shown that non-signing inventor Daniel J. Melchione cannot be found. Specifically, petitioners have shown that a copy of the application papers was sent via USPS Certified Mail to the last known addresses of the non-signing joint inventor, but was returned by the Post Office as unclaimed.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at 703-308-6918.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Wood", is positioned above the typed name.

Douglas I. Wood
Petitions Attorney
Office of Petitions
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy